

MONTEREY NEWS

FEBRUARY 1984



NORTH ROAD ASSOCIATION'S BRIDGE ACCEPTED AT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

A special town meeting was held Tuesday, January 24, in response to a petition presented to the Selectmen by Fred Phelps which demanded another vote on the issue of a state-financed bridge over Rawson Brook versus a bridge built by the North Road Association of Monterey. Petitioners were concerned about the safety and maintenance costs of the North Road Association bridge. Discussion at the meeting centered around those concerns as well as the North Road Association's interest in an aesthetically satisfying bridge which represents not only the rural charm but also the independent spirit of the town of Monterey. The vote was 80 to 41 in favor of accepting the offer of the North Road Association to repair the present 70- to 80-year-old bridge and donate it to the town. Details of the North Road Association proposal can be found in the January *Monterey News*.

RADIOACTIVITY CLASS PLANNED AT MONTEREY FIREHOUSE

A course in radiological monitoring, including the use of a geiger counter to detect radiation, will be offered by state civil defense officials at the Monterey firehouse on Wednesday, February 22, and Wednesday, February 29, at 6:30 p.m. each evening. The course is free and open to the public. For more information contact assistant civil defense director Tom Andrus at 528-2044.

MARY WENTWORTH TO SPEAK

There will be a meeting on Tuesday evening, February 28, at 8 p.m. in the Social Room of the Monterey United Church of Christ, at which Mary Wentworth, who intends to run for the representative seat of the First Congressional District, will be present to meet the citizens of Monterey. There will be a slide presentation accompanied by a talk by Mrs. Wentworth. All registered voters interested in responsible government are urged to attend.

JOE BURKHOLDER RESIGNS

Joseph Burkholder, a member of the Berkshire County regional planning commission, has resigned his position.

Mr. Burkholder is also a former school committee member from Monterey. He and his family are moving out of town.

The selectmen will have to find a new delegate to the regional planning commission.

MONTEREY BOARD DECIDES ON ONE TAX CLASS FOR FISCAL 1984

The Monterey selectmen December 19 voted to have one class for all taxable property in town in fiscal 1984.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library of Monterey is a new organization whose purpose is to generate greater community participation in the Monterey Library and facilitate access to the many services the Western Massachusetts Library System has to offer. Some of our possibilities include free films for adults and children, story hour, exhibits, publishing a literary gazette. We welcome interested permanent and seasonal residents to get involved. Call Leslie Scutellaro at 528-9244 or write L. Scutellaro, c/o General Delivery, Monterey 01245.





CATHOLIC CHURCHES

Masses Schedule

Our Lady of the Valley, Sheffield

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, 7:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Immaculate Conception, Mill River

Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Worship and Regular Meetings

Church school, Sunday at 10:30 during morning worship. Morning worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. with childcare at same time in the Social Room. Choir rehearsal Tuesdays, 6:15 p.m. at the Brallier home. Meditation and prayer, 7:30 a.m. in the Social Room. All are invited. Bible study, Thursdays, 7:45 p.m., at the home of Lucy Smith.

DEACONS HONORED, OFFICERS INSTALLED

At the beginning of the installation service for officers of the church on Sunday, January 29, Dr. Virgil V. Brallier gave special honor to the three persons who were named as deacons emeriti. Kelly Janes, Harold Greene and Hadley Simons were named as lifetime deacons at the Annual Meeting on January 15. Dr. Brallier thanked them, on behalf of the whole congregation, for their long and faithful years of service to the church and invited them to be as active in the role of deacons as their health and strength permitted.

Following this the whole slate of officers were installed. They, too, had been elected at the Annual Meeting on January 15.

A departure this year was to drop the office of deaconess. Now all persons named to the diaconate are deacons. With this action completed there are no offices in the church that carry any sexual distinction.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Monterey United Church of Christ held its annual meeting on January 15 beginning with the morning worship and continuing into the afternoon. The Rev. Raymond Ward was elected moderator for the meeting after Jean Stowell, clerk, called the meeting to order.

The minister's report, given by the Rev. Virgil V. Brallier, took the place of the sermon in the morning worship and was focused on the issue of the church and spiritual pilgrimages.

The issue he raised is that the church came into being because of the spiritual pilgrimages we are called to make, and the church knows the stories of the spiritual journey well.

Officers elected were Jean Stowell, clerk; Stewart Stowell, treasurer; deacons, Clarke McKee, Judith Bach, and James Wilson; summer community deacons, John Adams, Nancy Adams, Olive Davis, Margaret Peet, Susan Whitaker, Joan Wing; trustees, Donald Holmes; auditor, Matthew Williams; standing delegate, Raymond Ward; alternate delegate, Elizabeth Simons; music committee, Joan Boyer, Chris Olson; finance committee, Ellen Pearson, Lois Hartwick, Les Gile; summer community finance committee, John Adams, Kathleen Wasiuk; Christian education committee, Ardelle Gile, Stephen Maye; flower committee, Judith Hayes; nominating committee, Megan Wilson; summer flower committee, Mary Thorn.

Harold Greene, Kelly Janes and Hadley Simons were honored by being named deacons emeritus.

The church acted to initiate and encourage Monterey to join a program of "twinning" with a town of similar size in the Soviet Union.

A year-end gift was to the peace and justice program of the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ.

The meeting was adjourned and a covered dish dinner was enjoyed in the social room.

YOUTH SPONSOR SPAGHETTI DINNER

A spaghetti dinner prepared by the Monterey Youth Group will be held Friday, February 10. The dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will be held in the church social room.

The menu will include artichoke and regular pasta with meat or vegetarian sauce, salad, bread and beverage.

The cost will be \$2.50 for adults, \$1.00 for children under 12 years.

Please come and show your support for the youth of Monterey.



Town Center, November 1982



TRAGEDY AND OPPORTUNITY

Tragedy shakes the foundations of life. All of us will avoid tragedy if we can. Yet tragedy brings opportunity to light as nothing else does. Here is a real irony. We all earnestly seek to avoid tragedy, yet tragedy again and again opens new doors of opportunity. What we try so hard to avoid has the seeds of new beginnings in it.

As a youth Albert Einstein seemed headed toward failure, yet in grappling with his failures, he became one of the greatest scientists of our time. Early on Abraham Lincoln gave all the appearance of being a born loser, yet it is now clear that much of the greatness of Lincoln found its rootage in the wrestlings of soul that occurred during his tragic years of apparent failure.

Tragedy and opportunity are linked together in both the personal and social areas. Tragedy sometimes flows out of personality flaws, and at other times it seems to strike with impersonal blows. Yet the possibility of opportunity arising out of tragedy recognizes no squeamish distinctions. Whether my foolhardy rashness brought me into trouble, or whether blind chance felled a tree in my way, still the invitation of opportunity presents itself.

You may be suspecting that I am convinced that opportunity is an inevitable companion of tragedy. Not at all. Much tragedy ends on the note of darkness. No opportunity is seen. Why, then, am I pressing the linkage that exists between the tragic and the new beginning? Sometimes success is deadening. We become immunized and desensitized. When tragedy strikes, the foundations are shaken. Old assumptions may be questioned. Attitudes may be brought out for re-examination. The feeling side of life may be brought into play. Latent resources may be discovered.

Some years ago we went through a shortage of gasoline. Unemployment may become our hardship. Food enough may become a problem. Yet time and again people turn periods of deprivation into blessing. Human resourcefulness comes into play. We may question our wasteful practices. We discover ways to cooperate and help each other. When we find we can't do "business as usual," we may find unusual ways to do business. Gas shortages may teach us to use our legs more. Food shortages may teach some of us to be more resourceful with seed and soil. And we are just beginning the catalogue of ways in which the tragedy of shortages may press us into plowing up fallow resourcefulness in the human spirit.

I am trying to do more than paint rosey hues on a dark picture. I am urging that we not neglect this powerful creative dimension of life that often uses the background of darkness and tragedy to come into being. The tree is cut down and, behold, green shoots start growing around the stump. Where did the myth of the phoenix come from? The story has it that the bird lives in the Arabian desert for 500 to 600 years. Then it burns itself on the funeral pyre, and out of the ashes it rises again with the freshness of youth. Yet the phoenix is an

invention of the human spirit, and the story is an intention to talk more about a quality in human life than about birds.

Decay and breakdown in our human institutions is painful. We are all witnesses to it. Even more we are a part of it. We are caught up in it and hurt by it. Cynicism about government is rampant. Distrust of home and family is widespread. Disillusionment with religion is epidemic. Yet do we really imagine that government or the family or religion is going to break up and disappear? Even as breakdowns occur and as confidence goes through crises, is there any of us who does not recognize seeds of reconstruction beginning to sprout in the midst of wreckage and ashes? Is there a person among us who does not detect faint suggestions of the phoenix arising from the ashes?

Perhaps we don't need to go to myths and metaphors to see how opportunity is ever present itself in the wake of tragedy. Maybe all we really need to do is to consult more closely those actions and movements we can discover within our own souls. Have we not all experienced those times in which we were hurt, crushed, broken and were sure we did not want another day to come? The feeling may have continued a day, a night, a month, a year. How are we to explain what it was that persuaded us to engage with life again, to hope for the light while it was still dark, to look for the spring while in the cold grip of winter? If you can name this quality in yourself, you can also name what it is that binds tragedy and opportunity so closely together.

— Virgil V. Brallier, Minister
Monterey United Church of Christ



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YOUTH NEWS

Brownie Troop #237

The Brownies finished up making their Christmas decorations. The girls made felt snowmen to be hung on a wall or door. The girls quickly wrapped them up and brought them home to be placed under their Christmas trees. The Brownies did an excellent job!

The Brownies have also made posters for the Monterey Food Day.

The Brownies will be selling Girl Scout cookies beginning on Saturday, February 11, and ending on February 26. This is our major fund-raiser for supplies, insignia, trips and other needs. Prospective customers who are not called on by a Brownie Scout and would like to order cookies may call Cathy Rodgers at 528-9338. Thank you for all your support!

Youth Group

On Sunday, January 8, the Youth Group gathered at the Wilson home at 6:30 p.m. and had a pizza party. Sixteen young people helped to make their own pizzas and the Wilsons were very pleased. Sunday, January 15, there was a sledding party. Everyone brought their own sleds and they used a hill near the Wilsons' home. Hot chocolate was served later and it was a lot of fun! The next meeting was on Sunday, January 22, when the group met to see a movie and discuss teenage alcohol and drug problems. If there are any young people who have not yet joined this group we'd love to have you. We meet on Sundays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Meg and Jim Wilson's home. It's a great way to spend a Sunday evening and always a good time.

Juniors

Cookie sales are starting. Be on the lookout for Girl Scouts! the Juniors will be working on the booth they will have in the Monterey Food Day fair.

Cub Scouts

The Cub Scouts visited David McAllester, who is a professor of anthropology. He taught the boys songs and told them

stories about maple syrup. The boys had a lot of fun.

The following boys are going to receive their Bob Cat badges at an award ceremony to be held on January 31 at the American Legion Hall in New Marlborough: Joshua Phelps, Asa Harcastle, Chris Callahan, Kip Loder, Danny Lowe, Colin Storti and Michael Ohman.

NEWS FROM NEW MARLBOROUGH CENTRAL SCHOOL AND MONTEREY KINDERGARTEN

The annual Toy and Gift Sale, held in mid-December and sponsored by the Monterey-New Marlborough PTA, netted \$88.90 for the PTA's treasury. According to Diane Storti, President, the PTA is planning a February meeting to discuss daycare centers and licensed babysitters. The date and speaker will be announced at a later time. There are also plans for a raffle to be held around Easter.

On December 21, Paul W. Langer, Elementary Supervising Principal, presented *Partners in Reading* awards to the students of New Marlborough Central School. The *Partners in Reading* program is a plan designed to promote independent reading through a partnership between home and school. Parents can read to children, read *with* children or encourage children to read independently. The children may select whatever reading material they find most interesting.

Reader Awards

- 5 hours—Certificate
- 10 hours—"We Read" Button
- 15 hours—Blue Ribbon
- 20 hours—Golden Certificate
- 30 hours—At the end of the school year, any child who has read 30 or more hours will receive a tee-shirt.

The following children received the awards in December: *Certificates*: Paul Makuc and Stacy Palfini; *Buttons*: Andrew Brazie and Tucker Gillooly; *Blue Ribbons*: Jonathan Pratt, Erin and Meghan Sadlowski, Heather Gunther, Kenneth Pratt, Frank Soncini and Tiffany Stephens; *Golden Certificates*: Elizabeth and Jennifer Stevens.

The first-grade students welcomed in the new year and winter with a study of Eskimos. They are reading stories of Eskimos and learning about their lifestyle. They even know how to make dog sleds now. Their hall bulletin board is a frigid Arctic scene with igloos and Eskimos the children have cut out and colored. It is quite special! In the classroom they are adding people and trees to their village begun in December. Mrs. Heyman, first-grade teacher, even has plans for a skating pond.

Mrs. Susan Andersen's kindergarten class in Monterey has been busy with some interesting projects. On December 20 the kindergarten's annual cereal house project took place. With the help of mothers Kathy Mielke, Margy Ohman and Diane Storti, each child was able to make a house by coating a milk carton with a thick frosting and then covering that with a variety of cereals and some candy. On January 11 the children made butter by shaking cream in a glass jar. Each child was able to do his or her share. The next day the class made waffles, assisted by Margy Ohman. On these waffles they were able to enjoy their own homemade butter. What a delicious treat!

In mid-January four groups of fourth graders are going to

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present a production entitled "Christmas Around the World" in their classroom. It is a social studies project and has involved many hours of research and study. One group is reporting on Christmas in France, another on Christmas in Mexico. A third group will tell about ancient Christmas customs, and the fourth group is putting on a modern-day play about Santa Claus.

Mrs. Nell MacKenzie, classroom aide, has assisted the fourth grade with their cooking adventures. So far this month they have made peanut butter cookies and chocolate drop cookies.

On January 9, the fourth grade pupils surprised their teacher, Roberta Roy, with a birthday party complete with two cakes! One cake was made by Mrs. Pam Gillette of Southfield and Richard Goewey, a student, baked the other.

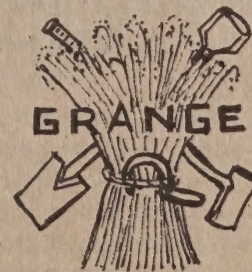
During the Christmas vacation on a stormy and blustery day, Roberta Roy, with the help of her husband, Nicholas Wardle, sent seven bottles, with messages sealed inside, adrift in the Atlantic Ocean at Cape Elizabeth, Maine. The children are anxiously waiting to hear that someone has found a bottle, and we will keep you all posted on any developments.

Livy Williams and Jill Amstead put on a puppet show for their fourth grade classmates in January. They wrote the play based on the book *One Hundred Pounds of Popcorn*. The girls put a lot of time and effort into the project, and they did a wonderful job.

Mrs. O'Connell's second-grade class read *Big Round Ball*, emphasizing skills for "ea" words such as yeast, wheat, bread and knead. In conjunction with this lesson, on January 13, the entire class baked honey whole wheat bread with the help of Mrs. Pam Gillette, a volunteer mother. The children took turns with the mixing and kneading, and the bread was baked in the oven in the school cafeteria. This baking lesson also tied in with the math skills of liquid measurement. They have finished the comprehension unit, "Getting the Main Idea." The final activity of this unit is the writing of color stories based on the poems in *Hailstones and Halibut Bones*.

The New Marlborough Central School and the Monterey Kindergarten will be participating in the Campbell's Labels for Education Program again this year. This program allows our schools to obtain much-needed audio-visual and athletic equipment, reference books and teaching aids free of charge, and we need the help of the community. The program is sponsored by Campbell's Soup Company, and from now until February 29, 1984, our students will be collecting labels from all Campbell's canned food products, all Swanson canned food products, all Franco-American products, Recipe dog food products and Swanson frozen foods. Since so many families already use Campbell's products, we're asking everyone to help by saving the labels and giving them to our students or bringing them to the school during regular hours. As costs go up and budgets grow leaner, we must look for new, more economical ways to provide our children with the educational equipment they deserve. The Labels for Education Program is an ideally simple, cost-free way to obtain the valuable teaching tools that so enrich a child's learning experience. Please save the front portion of the labels from all of the canned food products mentioned above. On Swanson frozen foods products save the blue-green "Swanson Triangles" (on new Swanson frozen food packages save the purchase confirmation seals). On Recipe Dog Food Treats and Dinner Rounds, save the purchase confirmation seals. We thank you for your cooperation.

Since the retirement of Richard Taylor, custodian at New Marlborough Central School for many years, Tony St. Georgio has been serving as a temporary replacement. William Wandall, an employee at Mount Everett for eight years, was appointed the New Marlborough custodian, and he began working here on January 16. Mr. Wandall is married with two children, and he resides in Sheffield. We welcome him to our school, and we extend our sincere thanks to Tony for a job well done. Mr. St. Georgio has returned to his position on the maintenance staff at Mount Everett.



MONTEREY GRANGE NEWS

Monterey Grange #291 met January 20, 1984, at the Hardisty home for a regular meeting.

On January 27 Monterey Grange #291 went to Stockbridge Grange #295 for a Competeline Program. The next meeting will be February 15 at the Hardisty home. The themes of the program will be Lincoln, Valentines and George Washington. There also will be a cherry pie contest.

— Mary Wallace
Lecturer

TEETH


*I like to bite into corn, into ears of corn
and into handfuls of popcorn.
I like to penetrate apple skin and succulent organs of orange.*

*I like to change rice into liquid
with a steady rhythm & Science.
I am locked in the bone of pink gums.
I am locked into animal man.
I am hooked on pulverizing, on
Ripping to shreds.
I am rooted into the Skeleton of my Maker.
I am bound to outlive my tenements tenure.
All of them that then.
And someday I will turn up again—
Unhinged and scattered perhaps smaller and more polished and round.*

*I will be carried in small hands
by a son to his mother.
(Yesterday he brought in a dead mole or the wing or proboscis of a moth)*

*And he will never guess,
He is holding his own teeth.
And his chewing will be subtly
Changed.
But he may not shake hands with his teeth
Until they bring him some grief.*

— Steve Maye



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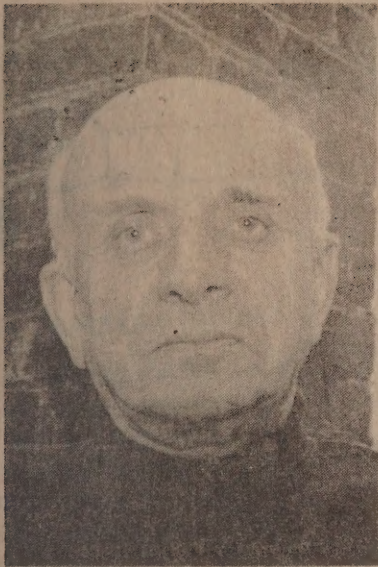
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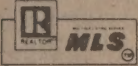
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NEWS FROM THE ASSESSORS

The tax rate for Fiscal Year 1984 has been approved at \$11.44, which is two cents higher than last year. The tax bills will be sent out in the next few weeks.

The Assessors are currently doing a revaluation of real estate assessments in Monterey, so that the state will recertify the Town at "full and fair cash value" for Fiscal 1985. Massachusetts law mandates that the certification be accomplished every three years. The project is expected to last the better part of 1984.

The Board looks for a substantial increase in total assessments; however, as the various values will continue to relate to each other on much the same basis, the actual tax dollars billed should remain fairly constant. On the other hand, several factors can contribute to increases in tax bills. If the property has been improved, the tax bill will be larger. If the category of the property has been changed by such factors as density of homes, or desirability of neighborhood, then the tax dollars may increase. Scarcity is another factor influencing values. For instance, as the availability of developable land around the lakes decreases, those values augment. If you have purchased a property for a price much above the assessed value on your last tax bill, you can expect your next tax bill to be higher. Our values must reflect sales. Consider the amount of insurance you maintain on your property and the amount you would want for a sale. Then look at your tax assessment. If there is a great disparity, you may wish to consult the assessors.



PARK COMMISSION PATTERN

The cookbook being done to benefit the Park Commission is well on its way. Recipes are chosen, and Eileen Clawson is typesetting. There are a couple of decisions yet to be made on printing. March seems to be the probable time for completion. One thing is certain—there is more money needed for printing; just the exact figure is not definite. Donations would be very appreciated—to Leslie Scutellaro, c/o General Delivery, Monterey.

The quilt is also making progress, and needles will be flying shortly. The five or six working on it would welcome others to join them and assist in whatever job they enjoy. It is to be raffled off, also to benefit the Park Commission. Contact Leslie Scutellaro on this too, if you would like to cut, sew or otherwise participate.

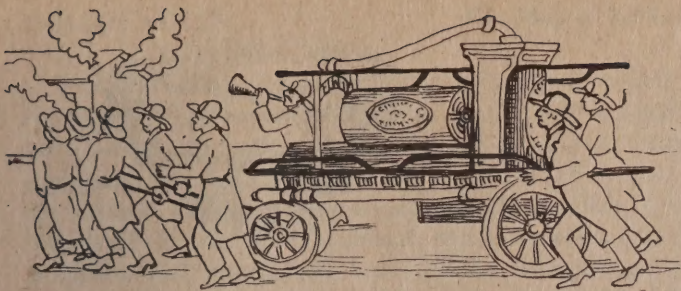
— Fran Amidon

MONTEREY DAY AT BUTTERNUT

March 9 will be "Monterey Day" at Butternut—the result of a brainstorm of some of our Monterey downhill skiers at Butternut, chatting with Channing Murdock there one day, to have a "Monterey Day" at Butternut Ski Area. Hopefully, the advance notice would allow the weekenders as well as year-rounders to plan and be here if at all possible. There is quite a large group of Monterey downhill enthusiasts, and it would be fun to round them up all at once—complete with wine and cheese "on the house." Make your plans now. For further information call Dean Amidon, 528-1233.



Harold Crnie, looking dubious after long hours of plowing snow.
—photo by Dede Cummings



FIRE COMPANY NEWS

The oldest of our three trucks, Engine 1, is a 1955 Ford. It's got a certain roundcornered heavy look about it (Engines 2 and 3 are squarish, trim, upright and modern), two headlights (the newer trucks have four), one old bubblegum-machine-type revolving emergency light on the roof of the cab (vs. strobes), a long slow wail siren (vs. horns, siren), and a modest panel at the pump so old that the chrome's worn through to brass on its one or two handles and levers (need I describe the controls on the new trucks, with all their lights, gauges, dials, buttons, levers and valves?). The old Ford has been taking Indian tanks to brush fires for years now, and it might have continued, or it might have been retired with sad dignity in the face of all the upgrading of equipment and facilities over the past several years. But no, it now serves an entirely new purpose, and has become as essential a piece of modern fire-fighting equipment as we have. (This is about volunteer organization. With volunteers the will to be useful comes first, and the volunteer group takes advantage of individual character to build an organization with breadth and depth.) It carries a bank of nine tanks of air compressed to 3,500 PSI that we use to fill the smaller air bottles of our Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus. The SCBA are the breathing apparatus indispensable to fighting fires today, because of the utterly toxic gases released when the common plastics present in every home burn.

Our Ford-mounted compressed air has found another use, too. Lanny Lanoue and Eric Pedersen are Monterey firemen who have been trained as certified underwater rescue divers by Jerry Smith, proprietor of Aquatic Adventures in Pittsfield. Together they are organizing a countywide underwater search and rescue effort. The air system, used to fill divers' tanks, is a key piece of equipment.

Over the winter, Jerry, Lanny, and Eric have trained dive-tenders at the firehouse. Tenders are taught how to communicate with divers out of sight in deep water, to man lines and signal flags. An understanding of the medical hazards associated with diving is also part of the training. Tenders learn about the Trendelenberg position, which can reduce the severe dangers of embolism. A victim is placed lying down, with left side lower than right, and feet higher than head. This helps to keep bubbles trapped in the bloodstream away from the heart and brain, where they do the most damage.

There is an element of danger in the summertime activity on our lakes, and having trained divers on call adds a measure of security. When emergencies arise (which we all, always, hope against, and do our best to prevent by being careful) there are things we can do. Call 528-1932 first; the rest will follow.

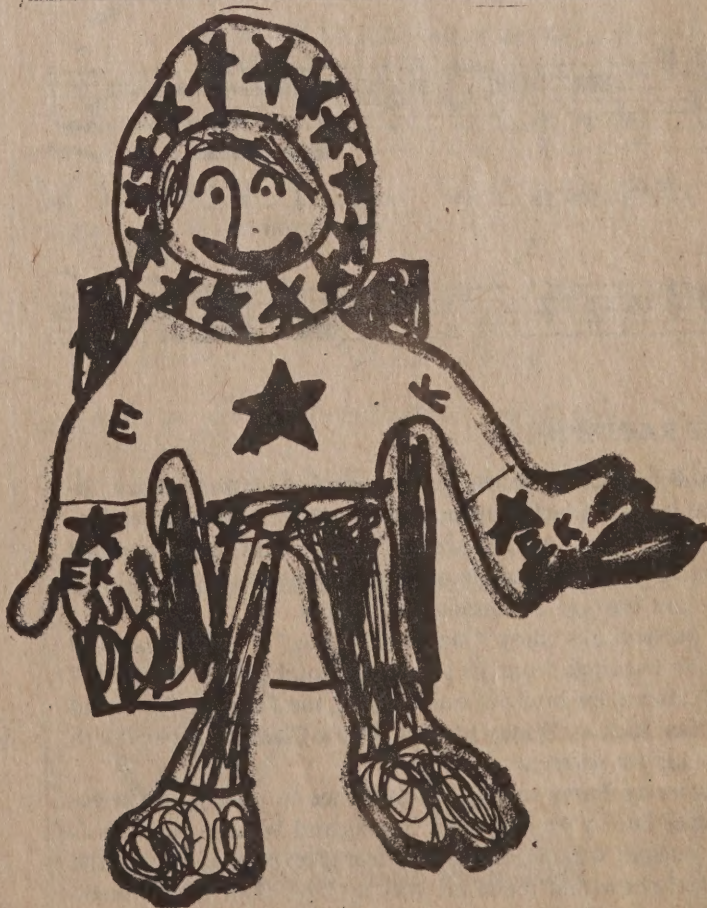
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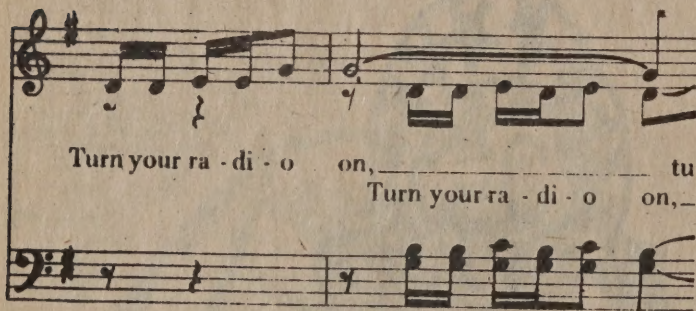
LOSSES AND GAINS

As I write this I don't know yet if I will see the conjunction of the two brightest planets, Venus and Jupiter, on January 27. I might not get up early enough. The sky might be covered with clouds. Ah, there's the rub, our unpredictable Berkshire weather!

I was up on New Year's morning at 5:30 a.m., out of sheer contrariness, knowing that just about everyone else would be asleep after celebrating New Year's Eve. I looked at the lovely arc formed by Venus, Saturn and Mars, their steady light in sharp contrast to the twinkling stars. I planned to go back out in another hour to see if I could catch a glimpse of Mercury, Jupiter and the waning Moon sickle rising in the southeast. But by that time the earlier low cloudbank had spread over the entire sky and I saw nothing. My loss!

But on that chilly New Year's morning I also made a gain: I was permitted to glimpse star pictures I would see during future evening hours. High in the southwest was Leo, my "maple-sap-gathering" constellation. Higher, and further to the East, shone Arcturus, my "daffodil" star, harbinger of spring, sister star to our sun. In the southeast Scorpio, he of the warm summer nights, clawed his way along the horizon. How comforting to know that Orion would give way to Leo, Leo to Arcturus, Arcturus to Scorpio, winter to spring to summer!

— Loul McIntosh



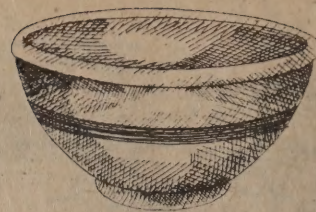
THE RADIOPHILE

And now a few words on the virtue of blessed silence. Silence is particularly appropriate to winter. I recommend its healing powers. A program turned on intentionally is much more enjoyable when the senses have not been dulled by a constant barrage of sounds and images.

I particularly enjoy "Jazz and Things" on Thursday and Friday evenings from 10 p.m. to midnight on WTCC (90.7 FM) after a few hours of quiet. Barry, the Thursday host, and Brother Rick on Friday present "Black Classical Music" with appropriate reverence.

Recently Barry treated his audience to alternating selections of Dinah Washington's singing and Winton Marcelus's (the current wunderkind of the trumpet) playing. It was the kind of show that made me stay up later than I'd planned.

There is a Wednesday night edition of "Jazz and Things," but I have found it unreliable, generally ranging more into contemporary black pop.



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Though Timothy Woodbridge, the first school teacher of the Mahican Indians at Stockbridge, lived at first in Konkapot's house, the settlement was, for the most part, largely segregated. Indians and English were separate and unequal in the amount of land they were allowed. The English owned large upland farms in the northeast half of the town, and the Mahicans had bottomland farms on the Housatonic plain averaging about 60 acres. By 1752 the "English Precinct" had its own town government "exclusive of the Indian Inhabitants of said town"

The present Main Street of Stockbridge was then called "Plain Street," and ran easterly from the Meeting House and burial ground, as it does today. The house lots along the street were as spacious then as now. They were laid out for seventeen Indian and two English families. One of the latter was that of Jonathan Edwards, the second missionary. Unlike Sergeant, his predecessor, who could preach in Mahican and was universally loved, Edwards was really a scholar and theologian, and his pastoral work was neglected while he wrote *The Freedom of the Will*, a treatise that attracted international attention. However, Jonathan Edwards, Jr., spoke Mahican from the cradle and devoted much of his life to his Mahican friends, as pastor and leader, during the early years of their dispersal to the west.

The site of the present Red Lion Inn was the home of Mmuhtauwaumpee, with a frontage of 452 feet. Across Plain Street was the even larger house lot shared by Capt. John Konkapot and his son, Robert. West of Mmuhtauwaumpee, across the road to the bridge, was the Edwards property, equally large. Most of the other house lots had less than half as much frontage. Lieut. Aaron Umpachene, Sachem of the Sheffield Indians, lived five doors west of Edwards on a lot 160 feet wide. Most of the families on Plain Street owned farm lots as well as these house lots, though Umpachene did not. Konkapot and Mmuhtocsin (Metoxin) and their families had several farms totalling three or four hundred acres, but most of the meadow lots for the Indians were set at around sixty acres. The roster of Mahican names includes Neshonohock, Mukhusquantum, Kaukuhnusquoh, Yokun (Richmond used to be called Yokuntown), Cheeksonkaun, Kokhkenaunt, and Ompeetkhow.

Col. Ephraim Williams, the first town moderator and leader of the exemplary English families who were to civilize the Mahicans, went about it with an insatiable hunger for land. He managed to acquire close to a thousand acres before he was finally forced to leave town. Samuel Brown received an equal and more legitimate bounty for war services to the Crown and services such as surveying to the Mahicans. Other large landholders were Timothy and Joseph Woodbridge and the Pixley family. Early Stockbridge English names include Willard, Stone, Cooper, Spring, Whittlesey, and a good many Joneses. By 1888 English names replace all Algonquin names on the town deeds.

An interesting fact that has not heretofore appeared in the literature on Stockbridge is that several Black people were married to Indians and were given land holdings. They are listed in the records as Hunnibel Negro, Coffee Negro, Nanny Negro and Ned Negro.

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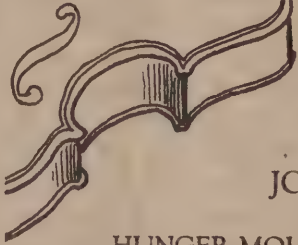


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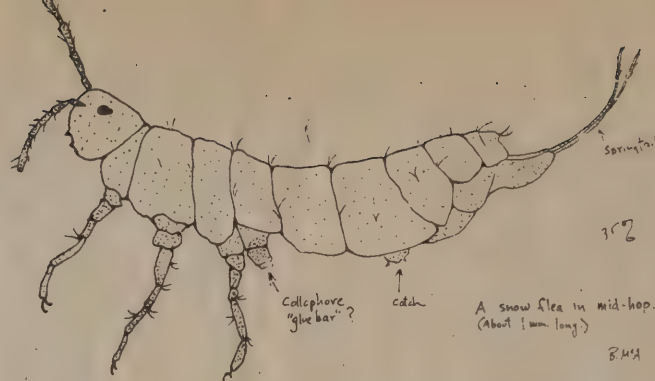
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SNOW FLEAS AND JESUS BUGS

Have you ever stood on a pristine snowbank, alone with the elemental whiteness, and suddenly realized that there were thousands of tiny dark creatures hopping madly around your ankles? If so, you have been visited by a swarm of the little-known "snow fleas," winter representatives of an ancient group of insects called springtails.

These tiny creatures, almost microscopic, have been hopping around on earth for about 405 million years. In all this time, the forces of evolution have wrought few changes on the basic serviceable form of the springtail. It is an insect, but few people notice it since it doesn't buzz or bite. And unlike most insects, springtails don't even fly. For this reason we (who *can* fly, after all) consider the springtail to be a "primitive" insect, one of the few members of the wingless subclass "*apterygota*."

To the modern fly or bumble bee, the springtail is a living fossil, a historic reminder of the horse and buggy days, when an eight-inch hop was respectable overland travel. In those days, most creatures were strictly swimmers. A few were crawling ashore to try out new legs, and the *collembola* or springtails had developed the thoroughly modern hop. This was achieved, then as now, by the interaction of two appendages on the abdomen or rear-end section of the animal: the spring and the catch. The spring is doubled forward, along the belly, and held by the catch. When a hop is in order, muscular tension is built up, the catch released, and two millimeters of insect hurtles through the air as its tail snaps back against the ground.

There are more than 1,000 species of springtails. Most inhabit the soil or leaf litter on the ground, often in populations of several million per acre. Some, called "Jesus bugs," live on the surface of puddles or ponds where they feed on algae and hop about on the surface tension. They appear in swarms and look like floating flannel fuzz which seems to vaporate when disturbed, as its individual members spring away. Some springtails glow in the dark and represent the "primitive" end of the insect bioluminescence spectrum. (Fireflies are the most "advanced." They use their light for complex communications.) During metabolism, energy in the form of light is given off in all of the fat in the little body. Springtails glow when agitated, sometimes giving night-walkers glowing footprints the way a wet sandy beach will when the *Noctiluca* planktonic animals are washed in.

Anyone who has ever seen a snow flea knows that it isn't really a flea. True fleas are parasites, requiring warm red-blooded hosts. They would not survive on a snowbank. Also, true fleas are shiny and smooth, like most beetles. They have a hard shell, and their jump is accomplished by the mechanical action of a bit of rubber in the hip joint of the hind leg. Springtails spring their tails, and snow fleas are springtails. They

swarm in the spring and feed on windblown pollen on the snow. They are soft and flannelly, like the Jesus bugs, and come in a range of colors from black to bright blue.

The social behavior of springtails is an area of some mystery to entomologists, but we are told that the big swarms occur in response to typical insect pheromones, or messages given off in chemical secretions. Japanese beetle traps are baited with pheromones giving the "come hither" message. Springtails give off and receive the signal to swarm. They are also "hygro-receptive," which means they are attracted to moisture. They have no lungs, so they take in oxygen directly through their skin, which must be kept moist for this purpose. The skin is covered with flattened hairs or scales, like the powdery scales on a butterfly, which help keep moisture in.

Although they are numerous and venerable, springtails are little known. In the textbooks and field guides, if springtails are mentioned at all, it is with this closing note: "Economic importance: none." What this means is that after all these years on earth, springtails still hold to an unimposing way of life. There are no chemical companies funding research on the secret life of the springtail, in order to develop the perfect pesticide for sale to a desperate public. Basically the public has no complaints about springtails.

I had no complaints myself until this past year. As it turns out, springtails had been bothering me for a long time, but my experience with the order *collembola* had been limited to brief encounters with several thousand Jesus bugs in a puddle in Wyoming and a few snow fleas. I had not heard of the "garden flea."

Garden fleas are tiny and grey. Like all springtails, they have microscopic mandibles barely protruding from their many lip-folds, but they do not travel alone, and thousands of little jaws can erase a row of newly sprouted carrots in a day. In the days of our collembolan ignorance we used to explain the miracle of disappearing sprouts in various ways: baby rabbits, evaporation, failing eyesight. Recent privately funded research has shown, however, that we have been the victims of the garden flea: the grey flannel which precedes sprout evaporation. Now we hope that public consciousness will be raised and more attention turned to springtail study. There is, for instance, a sort of mouth or tube on the belly side of the first abdominal segment. It exudes a sticky liquid and has been tentatively dubbed the "glue bar," but no one knows what it is for.

In conservative moments, we carrot growers tend to marvel at so much interest and expenditure in the field of aeronautics and space research when there is a 405-million-year-old animal right here on earth with an unexplained glue bar on its belly.

THE DEFINITIVE WORD ON **FOOD DAY '84**

February 4, 11-4
at the Firehouse

Children 6-12 in the
Church Social Room

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

11:30-12:15	Canning and Freezing Update — Mary Tyer Kelly, Extension Home Economist
12:30-1:15	Composting Made Easy — Bob Thieriot (repeated at 2:30)
	Manageable Salad Gardens — Susan Sellew (repeated at 2:30)
2:30-3:15	Composting Made Easy — Bob Thieriot
	Manageable Salad Gardens — Susan Sellew

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The Amazing Spaghetti Squash
Rabbit Info and Pelts
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Movies: "Toast" and farming

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Winter Squash to Taste
Pear Potato
Turnip Beet Carrot Onion
Beans, Peas & Beans
Apple Turnip Nut
Monterey Grange Display
Bread Making and Sales
Beet, Carrot, Tomato & Herb
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

America's Provincial Mentality

In the year 1983 once again we were reminded of the shortcomings of our educational system. Yet little was said about our students' almost total lack of mastery of foreign languages. And nothing has been mentioned about the need for the citizens of a leading world power to learn about world affairs.

The lack of such knowledge has turned Americans into thoroughly provincial people, frozen into a parochialism that in the long run will keep us from maintaining our world responsibilities. Consequently our foreign policy is based on a show of force or outright military interference as a solution to centuries-old local problems.

Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger, to his great surprise, found a very different rationale to approaching political tensions when visiting China last fall. Chinese defense minister Chang Aiping, in declining to accept a major arms deal (on favorable terms), replied: "Afghanistan is much smaller and less well armed than China, yet look how the Soviets are stuck there. Vietnam is smaller and less powerful than China also, but look what happened to you Americans—at a cost of 150 billion dollars. Do you think it is really credible that Andropov would dare to attack us?"

Such serene common sense is, of course, in stark contrast to our hysteria, represented by Secretary Weinberger.

But being as ignorant as we are in world affairs, we have been manipulated daily by the people FDR dubbed "economic royalists" into believing that corporate interests are identical with our national interest. Thus at a tremendous cost, we have been turned into fear-ridden hostages of our own military establishment.

Now, 40 years later, Elliot Roosevelt (the only Republican among FDR's five children) in his recent book, *The Conservatives* (Arbor House), describes these same people as "huge financial power-blocks who will bribe, threaten and murder, if necessary to get their way."

With such corruption in mind, he continues: "It is not writ in stone that the U. S. will forever be the most powerful nation on earth, although the Archie Bunkers amongst us would certainly believe that to be so."

But historically speaking, the Archie Bunkers are mistaken, since no great power has ever survived as such. In fact, in this new interdependent world, we are already affected by the 75% of the human race belonging to the Third World, because they are creating the future markets on which we depend for desperately needed new jobs. Therefore, our aid to them is no longer charity but a necessary investment.

These turbulent countries where, according to the last UNICEF report, 40,000 children daily die of malnutrition, will increase world instability unless we prevent the continuation of such tragedy. Sadly many of our past and present misbegotten foreign adventures have been based on ignorance or distorted assumptions, and therefore have resulted in further deterioration in these regions.

Simply to blame "Marxist-Leninists" in all these Third World countries for supposedly stirring up strife is either based on total ignorance of historical imperatives, resulting from many years of tyrannical exploitation, or it is moral and political cowardice.

That the Soviet Union takes advantage of these already existing upheavals is a different story.

However, if instead of befriending "educable" (!) right-wing dictators, we practiced what we preach—namely, our commitment to human rights, not just paying it lip service—there would be no room for Soviet interference. In the meantime, as long as the Soviets side with the have-nots and we side with the haves, for the many millions of starving people, the Soviet cause is the better one.

Santayana said that those who do not remember the past will repeat it. One might add: at ever greater cost!

Unless we are willing to learn more, much more, about other people's history, enabling us to think far beyond our own doorsteps, we won't have the necessary knowledge to discern between historical realities and distorted propaganda.

The New York Times recently quoted British writer Jan Morris, who was lamenting our ignorance:

Like multitudes of my fellow citizens in Europe, Asia, Africa and South America, nowadays I hardly believe a word official America says. I didn't believe your spokesmen about the Korean airliner. I didn't believe them about Grenada and I certainly do not believe them about Soviet intentions upon the future of the world. And there's the real crunch. Believe me, I am not uttering some personal sour grapes. It is hard, I know, for Americans to understand, but to millions and millions of the rest of us, as liberty loving as you are, the Soviets are less likely to trigger World War III than you are yourselves.

Thus one can only conclude that the sad alternative to acquiring more knowledge about other countries' history and needs will be a dismal future for all of us.

— Fred Lancome

VALENTINE

*How are thou thawed?
By poets word or musics ring
Can afternoon too late suit thee?
or mornings weave more gently be
What wind and stars propel your bark.*

— Bjorn Jenssen



PERSONALS

Harold and Cindy Ovitt Rood of Route 57 had a daughter, **Jennifer Almira**, November 11 at the Sharon, Connecticut, Hospital. Grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. Martin Rood of Lake Buel Road here in town.

Richard and Linda Haapanen had a daughter in Fairview Hospital December 5.

Kent D. Smith, executive director of Gould Farm in Monterey, has written a book just issued by University Press of America. It is entitled *Faith: Reflections on Experience, Theology and Fiction* (hardcover, \$18.75; paper, \$8.50).

Aimed at professionals and college students, the book deals with faith and doubt. The author reflects on the concept and experience of faith, using his own experiences and those of the mentally ill with whom he has worked. He also includes fictional representatives of faith, particularly as found in John Updike's works. And he draws on theological and philosophical views of Tillich, Barth and Kierkegaard.

Forty-two of the 134 students at Berkshire School who earned places on the first semester honor roll and the academic performance list are from area towns.

In order to make honors, a student must earn a cumulative semester average of 80, with no grade below 70. To make high honors, a cumulative average of 85 is required, with no grade below 75; highest honors is reserved for those with a cumulative 90 average, and no grade below 80.

To be included on the Performance List, a student must have been assessed by at least three of his or her teachers each marking period as working up to potential. Honors achievement is not the quality recognized by the Performance List, but conscientiousness, positive participation, intellectual curiosity, and a willingness to go beyond the minimum requirements of the course. Monterey students honored are: Senior **Ennis Blount**, daughter of Roy Blount Jr., Mill River, and Ellen Pearson, Monterey, high honors and AP; and sophomore **John Blount**, son of Roy Blount and Ellen Pearson, honors.

Carl Champigny of River Road was recently promoted to equipment foreman in charge of all equipment for the Massachusetts Department of Public Works in this district. His promotion came as a result of a Civil Service examination. He will be responsible for some 200 pieces of equipment.

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Wed, Mar 21	7:30-9:30 p.m.	Manageable Salad Gardens

CALENDAR

Contradance Schedule

Saturday, February 11—at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7. Beginners and children welcome. 8:30 p.m.-12:00 midnight. Joe Baker calling, Mountain Laurel playing. Adults \$3, children \$1. Refreshments. For information call 528-9385.

Saturday, February 25—at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7. Program for people with some previous experience. 8:30 p.m.-12:00 midnight. Joe Baker calling, Mountain Laurel playing. Admission, \$3. For information call 528-9385.

Folk Music Workshop

Saturday, February 4—at the Lenox Community Center. 4:00-6:00 p.m. Second annual group singing and sacred harp workshop, led by Peter and Mary Alice Amidon of Brattleboro, Vermont. Admission, \$4. Call 528-9385 so we can make sure we have enough music for everyone. Sponsored by Berkshire Country Dance and Music Society.

Hootenanny

Saturday, February 4—at the Lenox Community Center. 7:30-10:30 p.m. Adults \$1, children 50¢. Yes, someone is still singing folk songs! Come and join in. Homemade refreshments. Information: 528-9385. Sponsored by Berkshire Country Dance and Music Society.

VALENTINE

*I'll call you Carolee, and dream
of Golden Girls*

*Dazed, one feels the rush of time
And spring that never summers
Now you may cavil, who is he?
Say I, a chooser of the most
Whose Grace for airts, surprises.*

— Lord Byrum

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